capacity of 20.047 MW, have been approved for foreign direct investment in the field of power generation in the private sector.

[Translation]

Power Projects in U.P.

2648. SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH :
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :
DR. BALIRAM :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of power projects on which work is going on in Uttar Pradesh as on 30th May, 1997;

(b) the number of power projects on which work has been stopped;

(c) the reasons for not starting construction work on these incompleted projects;

(d) the expenditure incurred so far and likely to be incurred in future on Vishnu Prayag Power Project in Uttar Pradesh;

(e) the total number of Power Stations/Sub-stations in U.P. at present; and

(f) the total Power generated during last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Five power projects with a capacity of 1816 MW. including three power projects in the Central Sector are being implement in the Uttar Pradesh as on 30.5.97.

(b) and (c) Details of power projects in the Uttar Pradesh on which work has been stopped and the reasons therefor are given as under :

Sl. No.	Name of Project/Capacity (MW)	Status
	Private Sector	
1.	Vishnu Prayag HEP (400)	Project posed to Pvt. Sector. The techno-economic clearance for the project was given by CEA in June. 1997.
2.	Srinagar HEP (30)	Project posed to Pvt. Sector. Detailed Project Report returned by CEA as certain inputs were not tied up.
	State Sector	
3.	Ladhwar Vyasi HEP (420)	Work held up for want of Funds.
4.	Maneri Bhali-II HEP (304)	Work held up for want of Funds.

(d) An amount of Rs. 32.49 crores has been incurred on the Vishnu Prayag HE Project upto the year 1995-96. The estimated cost of this project is Rs. 1614.66 crores.

(e) At present, there are 28 power stations in Uttar Pradesh including 8 power stations from the Central Sector.

(f) Energy generated from these stations in U.P. during 1995-96 & 1996-97 was 63457 MUs and 65779 MUs respectively.

Modernisation of Railway Protection Force

2649. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :
SHRI A. SAMPATH :
DR. ASIM BALA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Protection Force has been provided with outdated weapons;

(b) the nature of facilities demanded by the Inspector General of Railway Protection Force and Chief Security Commissioner of South Eastern Railway;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government propose to modernise/ revamp the Railway Protection Force;

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(f) whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives with the State Governments to discuss problems in effective protection of Railway property and ensure safety to passengers?

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the details of action plan for 1997-98 and the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise and for Maharashtra in particular

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (h) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.